GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PUPPETS TO SPREAD AIDS AWARENESS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO Paris is sponsoring a project in India under which children make use of puppets to spread awareness about AIDS and Drugs as reported in the Hindu dated January 30, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that UNESCO`s grant to India demands that the project be documented in order to use it in other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): As per information provided by UNESCO, Paris, they are supporting a project in India with the Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust and Salam Balak Trust with a total cost of US$ 30,000 for a period of two years. The objective of this project is to create awareness on HIV/AIDS and Drugs among vulnerable street youths in and around Delhi using puppetry and indigenous medium. UNESCO has also informed that they have asked the implementing agencies to document their practices and interventions for putting them on UNESCO website on Literacy and Non Formal Education.